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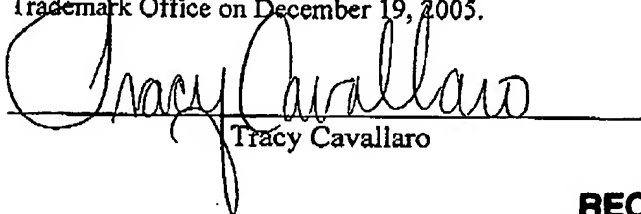
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 19, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

Claims 1-5 and 7-13 are pending.

Claims 8-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Spohr (U.S. Patent 3,379,906), while claims 1-5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Spohr '906 in view of Monroe et al. (U.S. Patent 3,551,931). Applicant respectfully traverses such rejections and requests reconsideration thereof.

Specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that Spohr fails to teach or reasonably suggest "a volute extension of the second housing cooperatively mating with an opening in a
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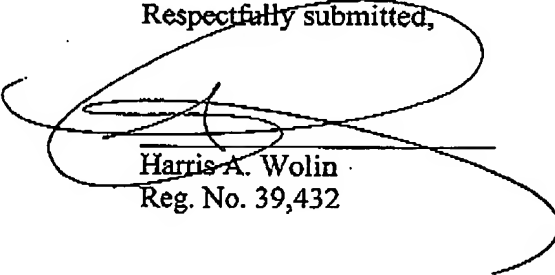
portion of the head..." as set forth in claim 1 and "an extension of the second housing cooperatively mating with an opening in a portion of the head..." as set forth in claim 8. Applicant further respectfully disagrees that the drive shaft (22) of Spohr '906 constitutes an equivalent extension of the second housing (63b).

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that the second cam device is in fact rotational, as evidenced by column 6, line 41 of Spohr, and thus Spohr fails to teach or reasonably suggest a non-rotational second cam device as required by the claims. Even if the Spohr cam has two different functions, it is still rotational, and therefore runs contrary to the claim requirements.

Accordingly, it is maintained that claims 1-5 and 7-13 are in condition for allowance. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged on Deposit Account 03-2455.

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